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## **AMERICAN HINDU COALITION CELEBRATES FIRST ANNIVERSARY AT A GALA AWARDS DINNER**

Reston, Virginia – November 12, 2017 - At the Reston Hyatt, the American Hindu Coalition (AHC) celebrated its one-year anniversary with grace and ambiance: a saffron draped stage, grand floral center-pieces, candle-lit tables, gourmet Indian dinner, and Ambassadors or senior diplomats in attendance from fourteen nations where Hindus comprise a significant native population.

Sri Chenna Jeeyar Swami Ji, a renowned Hindu Monk, spoke about Hindu Enlightenment Principles and its role in Hindu service to America as well as human kind, who are the children of one God. AHC Chairman Shekhar Tiwari spoke about the political aspirations of American Hindus and a single coalition that hopes to unite American Hindus from a diverse ethnic heritage. AHC President Harsh Sethi spoke of the organization's remarkable first year journey, the AHC political advocacy platform, and upcoming attractions that AHC members can look forward to.

To mark the festivities, each diplomatic representative was honored with an AHC crystal circle award. Remarks were delivered by: Bangladesh (Mahbub Hassan Saleh, Deputy Chief of Mission); Guyana (Lesley Collins, Deputy Chief of Mission); India (Puneet Roy Kundal, Minister of Commerce); Mauritius (Sooraj Phokeer, Ambassador); Myanmar (Aung Lynn, Ambassador); Sri Lanka (Sumedha Ponnampereuma, Minister of Commerce); Suriname (Niermala Badrising, Ambassador); Trinidad & Tobago (Anthony W.J. Phillips-Spencer, Ambassador); Indonesia (Siuaji Raja, Counsellor). Also, attending were Nepal (Dr. Arjun Kumar Karki, Ambassador), Cambodia (Chum Bun Rong, Ambassador), and Afghanistan (Farid Tavos, Press & Media).

More than 300 guests and members attended the event with VIPs from the political and diplomatic communities at each table. The evening's entertainment included Singing by Poojah Ganesh (Ms. India Virginia) and dance performances by the Shilpi Chanda, Jimmiki Kamal, and the dance troupe from the Saikantha Lakshmi Raparia of India International School.

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